

Entertainments.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.
Under the distinguished Patronage and
Presence of H. E. Hon. F. FLEMING,
C.M.G., THE Acting Governor,
will be given in the
HALL OF THE CLUB LUSITANO,
TO-NIGHT, the 9th Instant, at 9 p.m.,
*In aid of the Fund for an ORGAN FOR
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.*

Director, Maestri CATTANEO.

PROGRAMME:

1. Coro, "Ermalo," by Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.
2. Arioso for Soprano, "I Promessi sposi," by Ponchielli.
3. Recitative and Arioso for Tenor, "Le bretone," by Apolloni.
4. Polonaise for Piano, no. 53, by Cherubini.
5. "Forbidden Music," for Mezzo-Soprano and Tenor, by Gastaldon.
6. Grand Scene and Aria Della Luna, "Lucia di Lammermoor," by Donizetti.
7. Grand Scene Drammatica, for Bass, "Don Carlos," by Verdi.
8. Selection from "Mariana," Opening Chorus, Ballad for Soprano, "It was a Knight," Romance for Soprano, "Tis the harp in the Air," and Angelus Chorus.

SECOND PART:

1. Selection from "La Favatina," Director Mezzo-Soprano & Tenor, Chorus, & Pezzo Concertato with Chorus.
2. Waltz for Mezzo-Soprano, "Beautiful Roads," by Mora.
3. Duet for Soprano and Tenor, "Guy Blas," by Marchetti.
4. Berceuse for Piano, no. 57, by Chopin.
5. Waltz for Mezzo-Soprano, "Gloire de Juanses," by Arduiti.
6. Terzetto for Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano & Baritone, "Yona," by Pottella.
7. Ballad for Tenor, "Il Segreto della Regina," by Gastaldon.
8. Terzetto and Pozzo Concertato, "Il Trovatore," by Verdi.

PRICE OF ADMISSION:—No less than TWO DOLLARS.

Tickets may be obtained at the OFFICE OF the CLUB LUSITANO, and at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., from Friday, the 5th Inst. Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2073

To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PRINTING PLANT, ETC., ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 13th December, 1890, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp, at the Residence of Mr. S. A. Noyson, Zetland Street,

As previously advertised,

THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ETC.

Also,

THE PLANT AND STOCK-IN-TRADE OF PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

Catalogues will be issued, and the above is on view now.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,

* Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2120

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Sixth COMPETITION for the Subscription CHALLENGE CUPS and RANGE SPOONS will take place on SATURDAY NEXT, the 13th instant, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Ranges—800 and 900 Yards, 7 Shots at each range. Entrances Fee, 30 Cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 3 o'clock p.m.

C. VIVIAN LADDS, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2117

FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. "Port Fairy," Captain GRIEVE, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods, from alongside.

Any Carriage impeding her discharge will be landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong & Canton Wharf & General Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left our Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th Inst., will be subject to repute.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIMESSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2119

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Sutlej,
Capt. W. D. WORCESTER,
R.N.R., will be at the above place at
Daylight TO-MORROW, the 10th instant.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2064

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG
AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship
Monmouthshire,
Captain COMING, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 10th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2031

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Lyneham,
Capt. G. H. HETHERMANN,
will be despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 10th Inst.,
at 3 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMESSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2103

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SALINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1890.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

ABYSSINIA...SUNDAY, 13th Dec.

PARTHIA...THURSDAY, 20th Dec.

BATAVIA...SUNDAY, 26th Jan.

LUIE Steamship ABYSSINIA, Captain J. WILLIAMS, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on SUNDAY, the 14th December, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From HONGKONG FIRST CLASS.

To Vancouver and Victoria.....\$210 00

To Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma \$213 00

To Portland, Oregon.....\$220 00

To Winnipeg, Minneapolis, St. Paul \$230 00

To Chicago, Kansas City, Milwaukee \$275 00

To St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati, \$290 00

To Hamilton, Kingston, London, (Ont.), Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, \$290 00

To New York, Albany, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, \$295 00

To Quebec, Boston, Portland (Maine) \$295 00

To Halifax, St. John's.....\$305 00

To Liverpool.....\$325 00

To London via Liverpool.....\$330 00

To Paris and Bremen.....\$345 00

To Havre and Hamburg.....\$335 00

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all Atlantic Lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.

Return Tickets.—First and second class only.—Prepaid return tickets to Pacific Coast Points, and to Eastern and Interior Points of Canada and U.S.A. will be granted, available for:—

6 months at 25 per cent. off Return Fare

3 months at 50 per cent.

(Times is reckoned from the date of landing to date of re-embarkation at Vancouver)

Passengers to Pacific Coast Points and to Canadian and United States Points.

CONSULAR INVOICES of Goods for United States Points should be issued in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B.C.

PARCELS must be sent to our office with address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2101

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS, &c.

PURE WINES.

We beg to invite careful attention to the following selection from our Wine List, for we have succeeded in combining purity and excellence of quality with moderate prices.

SHERRY.

Per bottle per case per bottle

VINO GENEROSO.—a generous round wine, green seal.....\$60 00 \$60 00

VINO DE PASTO—a medium dry wine with delicate flavour, red seal.....\$10 00 \$10 00

AMONTILLADO—a high class natural wine for connoisseurs of Sherry, yellow seal.....\$12 00 \$12 00

DELICIOSO—the very finest sherry procurable, 6 years in bottle.....\$14 00 \$12 00

PORT.—

Superior quality.....\$10 00 \$10 00

Invold Port, gold seal.....\$12 00 \$12 00

Old Tawny, old and matured black & t....\$14 00 \$12 25

Special selected old wine.....\$20 00 \$17 75

BURGUNDY.

BEAUNE—a full-bodied Red Burgundy with strengthening properties \$14 00 \$12 25

CHARBLES—a mellow White Burgundy, fine flavour and bouquet.....\$14 00 \$12 25

CHAMPAGNE.

AVIZ.—a well matured, specially selected dry wine \$15 00 \$12 75

LEMOINE—VIN BLANC

—CUVEE ROYALE A

Supplied regularly to the Prince of Wales, House of Commons, and the chief clubs in London &c. \$22 00 \$20 00

Per case of 24 pints.....\$23 00 \$18 00

We are Sole Agents in China for the Sale of this splendid Wine.

TELEPHONE No. 60.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2116

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Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTY CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

JUST RECEIVED
A SPLENDID NEW ASSORTMENT OF

Ladies' and Children's Shoes,

For OUT-DOOR AND EVENING WEAR.

Also SUEDE, KID AND SILK GLOVES.
all Shades and Lengths; as well as FANCY GOODS of every description for Evening wear.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Namo leaves for Coast Ports.
Daylight.—Sulu leaves for Shanghai.
Daylight.—Ghaze leaves for S'hai, &c.
Daylight.—Mounmouthshire leaves for Hamburg, &c.

9 a.m.—Chow Pe leaves for Bangkok.

Noon.—Gawdar leaves for Bombay, &c.

3 p.m.—Lycomen leaves for Shanghai.

4 p.m.—Zafro leaves for Manila, &c.

4 p.m.—Diamond leaves for Manila.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Auction of Stock-in-Trade, Fixtures, Furniture, Winds, &c., at the Marine Hotel, Praya Wan.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—

The N. C. Daily News says:—We learn that H.M.S. *Scorpius* will probably not spend the winter here after all, but will have early in January to form part of Admiral Salmon's escort to Singapore, the other vessels engaged being the *Impregnable*, flagship, *Leander*, *Mercator*, and *Alacrity*.

The Captaincy of the Straits town which is entered for the intercolonial matches will likely be given to Mr. Birch.

The Chinese man-of-war *Pingyuen*, which was built in Foochow, was successfully docked in Port Arthur under the Superintendence of Mr. William Grant, the Superintendent of the Imperial Naval Yard and Dock at Taikoo. This is the first vessel to go into the Port Arthur Docks.

Writing with regard to a paragraph which appeared in our columns about the re-newal of the mail steamers' ordinances, the *Singapore Free Press* says:—As to this, we have reason to believe that the convention is to remain in force till the close of the year and that the Secretary of State's telegram to this effect was passed on from Ceylon to Singapore, and thence to Hongkong. The state of the law is therefore still the same in all those colonies; and will remain so till the close of the year.

We learn by our Japan exchanges that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, following the general traditions of the old Mitau Biishi Company, have presented the widow of Capt. Graham with 2,000 yen, and have given proportionate amounts to the relatives of the other Foreigners who were lost in the ill-fated *Mitsubishi Maru*. Such generosity, coming after heavy pecuniary loss, for the Company act nothing from underwriters for the loss of their steamer—deserves recognition and publicity.

H.M.S. *Rambler* left Shanghai on the 5th inst. for Hongkong, whence her crew will proceed home. The N.C. Daily News says:—As she steamed down abreast of Kinleyuen an attempt was made to fly her snow-white homeward-bound pennant, which is several times as long as her mainmast, but it fouled the backstays and had to be hauled down. As she passed the Russian Admiral's flag-ship, the band of the latter struck up, and while abreast of the *Scorpius* and *Wanderer*, the crews of these vessels ran up the rigging and gave three hearty British cheers which were responded to by the *Rambler*'s men.

Ma. H. M. Becker left on the 26th Nov. for Peking on an extended tour through the various trading properties with the management of which he is connected. He is accompanied by Dr. da Silva, a medical practitioner who has had considerable experience in Pehang, and it is Mr. Becker's intention to cause a full investigation to be made into the sanitary condition in which the Chinese *sailors* live on the different properties, and to cause a complete report to be drawn up and presented to Government for its information. Food, housing, medical treatment, nature and statistics of disease, and various other points will be taken up in the report. Dr. da Silva takes with him a quantity of medicines and medical stores to be used in the course of the tour. Mr. Becker will visit Bentong, Sungai Dua, Trai Simpan, Penang and Kuching, returning via Pekan.—*Singapore Free Press*.

The death of the King of the Sedangs is confirmed. The Pekan correspondent of the *Straits Times* writes:—Information has been received at Pekan stating that Monsieur David de Mayrena—otherwise known as Marie I, King of the Sedangs—died on the 11th instant at Kuala Rompin. The actual cause of death is not known, as owing to the absence of a doctor, no post-mortem examination was held, but it is believed to be blood poisoning. The information elicited at an investigation held by the Collector tends to show that the deceased was quite well on the morning of the 11th when he went out shooting, but he had hardly been an hour away when he returned, stating that he had been bitten in the jungle by a black snake just above the left ankle. The Collector—Mr. Owen—applied such remedies as his medicine chest afforded, but it was of no avail, as, after about 4 hours from the time of the bite, life was totally extinct.

News has been received in the North of the death at home of Mr. T. T. Ferguson of Chefoo, one of the ablest and best known men in China, who took an especial interest in political affairs in China, of which his knowledge was both wide and deep. He was Consul for Belgium at Chefoo, Consular Agent for France, and Vice-Consul for Russia and for Spain, until the time of his finally leaving for home.

The Chinese Times, in recording his death, says:—The community of Tientsin and of the Northern ports generally will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. T. T. Ferguson, the Father of Chefoo, the news of which reaches us as we go to press. He was a man not only of great ability, but of fine culture, and no one took a keener interest in all public affairs. Mr. Ferguson was not a young man, but up till recently he carried his years lightly. Since he left Chefoo, however, two years ago, his health had been failing rapidly. He leaves a widow and one daughter. Among Mr. Ferguson's good works was the erection almost entirely at his own expense of a beautiful church, the only architectural ornament of Chefoo, and it was said that he had obtained a special permission from Rome to be buried within the building in the event of his death occurring in Chefoo.

INQUESTS AT THE MAGISTRACY.
MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A MARINE.
Mr. Wodehouse held an inquiry at the Magistracy to-day into the death of William Macbeth (45), a marine artilleryman, whose body was found floating in the harbour on the 3rd inst.

William Bryas, A.B., Victor Emanuel, said.—The deceased was a marine artilleryman attached to the *Victor Emanuel*. On the 3rd inst. I was going on shore in a sampan from H.M.S. *Trede*, when I saw the body of deceased floating in the water about ten yards from the Kowloon wharf. He was quite dead. The sampan people refused to go near him. I reported the matter on shore.

William Nuttal, sergeant in the Naval Yard Police, said.—At midnight on the 29th November deceased was put on duty on No. 1 boat at the Naval Yard, Kowloon. I saw him go on duty and I have not seen him since. His duty would terminate at 6 a.m. I went round to visit the boats at 4 a.m. and deceased was then missing. Not finding him, I went to the man on No. 2 boat. I in-

PRESENTATION TO SIR ROBERT HART.

It appears that as far back as 22nd August a very interesting event occurred at Peking which has been kept profoundly secret ever since, but has now leaked out. On that day there was presented to Sir Robert Hart by Mr. E. B. Drew, Chief Secretary at Peking, in the name of the members of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service, a silver casket containing an address expressing the high regard of the service for their chief. On the same date, as part of the testimonial, a handsome silver service was presented to Lady Hart in London by Mr. Campbell. The *Shanghai Mercury* says the cost of the magnificent testimonial was "well into five figures."

The following is a copy of the address, with Sir Robert Hart's written reply.

To Sir Robert Hart, G.C.M.G., Inspector-General of Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs.

Sir,—The Members past and present of the Chinese Customs Service have long desired to give expression to their feeling of high regard for you as their Chief; and it has become known that you had decided to remain as Inspector-General instead of taking up the appointment of British Minister in China, they feel that a fitting opportunity offered itself to present you with a tribute of their esteem.

They assure you that it was with gratification and pleasure they learned that, setting aside private considerations, you had determined to devote in the future as in the past your talents and energies to the welfare of the Service, which owes to you its development and permanent form, its standing and success.

They beg therefore your acceptance of the Silver Plate which you now present; and they earnestly hope that you may long enjoy health and strength to continue your work.

To the greatness of that work, History will bear enduring testimony, and will record that, under your administration and through your influence, as the trusted Counsellor of the Imperial Government, many prejudices were removed, many dangers averted, and harmonious relations firmly established between Western Nations and the Ancient Empire of China. On behalf of the members of the service—

The General Committee,—C. G. Amy, N. P. Anderson, A. M. Bibco, J. D. Campbell, Ching-Ming-Fu Cheng-Hsing-Yuan Ching-On, I. M. Daae, E. B. Drew, F. H. Ever, W. French, C. Hanmer, D. M. Henderson, H. E. Hobson, R. Alex. Jameson, F. Kleinwachter, C. A. Lord, R. Markwick, H. J. Meade, A. Novion, E. Ohlmer, C. K. Tong, Wang Lu-Chih, F. W. White.

Sir Robert Hart's Reply was as follows:—

To the General Committee.

Gentlemen.—This is neither the proudest nor the happiest moment of my life. I will not say that I have not done a fair share of work, but, when I think of all the honour that has been showered upon me and of all that you have done, it is humiliating, and not self-glorying. I am most conscious of.

I thank you, and through you I thank the Service, for Address and Gift.

The sentiments expressed afford real satisfaction. Regard and esteem are treasures. Personal intercourse can create no higher bond, official relations can secure no greater reward; and to no chief especially after so long a period of leadership—can a more gratifying compliment be paid me in this position. The results we all congratulate ourselves on—as well what has been done for China as what has been won for the Service—are not, however, to be credited solely to myself; not only in every-day commonplace, necessary duties of each department, but also when difficulty had to be faced, or obstacle coped with, the loyalty and intelligence of lieutenants, and the discipline and hard work of rank and file, could have even less been dispensed with than the guidance of the leader, whether to effect what proved good or avert what threatened harm.

What you present to-day will be an enviable heirloom, and in accepting, I desire to assure you collectively and individually of my best wishes for your welfare, and for the increasing stability, progressive development, unclouded prosperity, and unceasing usefulness of the Service we belong to.

ROBERT HART,
Inspector-General,
Peking, 22nd August 1890.

PIRATIC ATTACK ON LADIES ON THE SOOCHOW CREEK.

The N.C. Daily News says:—On Thursday the 27th ultmo, at Miss M. M. Phillips, M.D., who is in charge of the hospital of the Southern American Methodist Mission at Soochow, was proceeding from Shanghai to Soochow in a native boat, with Miss Smithie, a young lady who has recently arrived from the States to the Mission; and when they were about two-and-a-half miles this side of Quinsan, the boat was attacked by a band of pirates armed with bayonets and fire-arms. The boat made an ineffectual resistance, the ladies being naturally much alarmed by the discharge of the fire-arms, and the boat was entered, their trunks broken open and ransacked, and all their bedding and jewellery and such of their clothes as struck the fancy of the pirates, stolen. Miss Phillips, losing the greater part of her wardrobe, including all her furs. On arriving at Quinsan notice was given to the magistrate, and a gunboat despatched immediately in pursuit of the pirates, a description of the property lost being sent to the police here, as it is probable that the plunder will be sent here to be sold or pawned. This is the first time that such an outrage has been suffered by the mission, though the missionaries are constantly passing up and down between Shanghai and Soochow. They travel generally, however, in foreign house-boats, and it is probable that it was their being in a native boat that exposed the ladies to this attack, the pirates having a wholesome respect for foreign house-boats. As soon as the news reached Soochow the prefect was communicated with, and he at once took measures to find the pirates. There is something very ungrateful in Miss Phillips being the victim of such an outrage, as it has more than once fallen to her lot to take into her hospital and tend the injuries of men who have been wounded in conflict with the gumbatas and the salt smugglers; and it is earnestly to be hoped that her assailants will be discovered and punished. One of her boatmen was wounded in her presence while trying to prevent the leader of the pirates from entering the cabin of the boat.

In a subsequent issue our contemporary says:—From further particulars sent us by another correspondent it appears that the attack on the native boat which was conveying Miss Phillips and Miss Smithie to Soochow on the night of the 27th ult., began a few miles from the walled city of Quinsan, immediately after the ladies had

retired for the night and blown out their light. The boatmen fought bravely but were overpowered by the robbers, who broke into the boat front and rear and with sword and revolver in hand demanded money. The head boatman, who had reached the ladies first, put out his arm as if to defend them, but received a blow from one of the pirates, of whom there were six, cutting through his wadded garment and inflicting a slight flesh wound. The frightened ladies handed out the sum of \$5 from their purse, this being the amount of their loose change. Of course it was not sufficient, and the men called for the opening of trunks. One large trunk belonging to Miss Smithie was unlocked by her own hand, and the robbers turned out all its contents, making a selection of such things as they thought worth carrying off. A bracelet was forcibly taken from the arm of Miss Smithie, and a gold ring from Miss Phillips' finger. The loss of this ring was particularly exasperating, it having been given by the late Miss Safford to Miss Phillips, who was her medical attendant. One of the ladies having taken out her hairpins and given them to the robbers, they forthwith proceeded to run their fingers through her hair, in search of concealed valuables, and they also investigated the ladies' stockings with the same object. In the confusion of turning the things out a pocket of some twenty dollars was overlooked. Dr Phillips not being able to find the key of her trunk, the robbers prised the hinges loose, and took a large amount of clothing, and other articles. They then rolled up the bed and took that also. In rolling it up from the foot, a valuable watch, which had been placed under the pillow, slipped down among the luggage and was afterwards found. A pair of gold spectacles was also subsequently found lying on the floor among the debris. Dishes and such things as the robbers did not fancy were smashed up. The boatmen were relieved of beds, clothing, cooking utensils, and even the iron bought for their journey. The total value of the property stolen is estimated at \$150.

After the pirates had gone, the boatmen rowed to Quinsan, whence a gouton was sent in pursuit. Next day the ladies arrived at Soochow, with noses badly shattered and cut, and unable to tell a more thrilling story than could many of the oldest missionaries in China. The ladies say that the leader of the band wore a soldier's uniform. Two district magistrates have their headquarters within the walls of Quinsan. Their districts are Quinsan and Shinyang. The robbery was committed in the Sinyang (Soochow) district.

THE OPENING OF THE IMPERIAL DIET OF JAPAN.

AN IMPOSING AND IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.
(From the *Hyogo Nau*'s Special Correspondent.)

Tokyo, Saturday Evening, 29th Nov.

All Japan was to-day on the tippy-top of expectation, for before the sun set H.I.M. the Emperor would have declared the Imperial Diet open, and Japan would have changed mild despotism for popular representation. It is now nearly two years since the promulgation of the Constitution. From that day, over memorable in the history of Japan, onward to the present, public expectation has been fastened on and public interest centred in the Diet. Yet it is not as high, and not so intense, as it was approached by a flight of steps on either side. Immediately behind and beneath a canopy of gold, is the recess appointed to the use of the Emperor, the entrance being his with rich cloth curtains. As it is manifestly impossible that the President should sit with back to his Sovereign whenever the latter may take it into his head to attend a debate, this little difficulty may be anticipated, for the President has his chair, that is, to direct the assembly at once. However, the Japanese are fertile in resource, and immediately facing the Emperor's place, but up in the gallery, is a seat appropriate to the use of H.I.M. The Empress wherever the Diet may be pleased to sit, may take the first line or so when the cannon at the fort boomed out a royal salute, and in reality it was to this appointment that the Message was read. The Message was, as we have said, very short, but his Majesty had only read the first line or so when the cannon at the fort boomed out a royal salute, and in reality it was to this accompaniment that the Message was read. The Message was, as we have said, very short, and no sooner was it disposed of than his Majesty retired, all present again bending low as he departed, the whole ceremony having occupied something like five minutes. The Imperial processions having been given due time to depart, those who had been present at the ceremony were allowed to go, their detachment being explained as due to a desire on the part of the authorities that there should be no confusion. Once outside they entered that mad rush and scramble for jinrikishas which accompanies every public function in Tokyo, but which only those who have experienced it can properly appreciate. Directly the visitor leaves his jinrikisha the police take charge of it and order it where they like; the only method of recognising your man is for him to wear your wraps; this he generally does, for it keeps him warm and renders your task easier. To return to the ceremony, it was too hurried and too quickly got over to be very impressive, but it was nevertheless impressive, and as a spectacle magnificent. It is probable that the majority of those present were hardly able to properly appreciate the magnitude of the event of which they were either participants or on-lookers; this will come to light on reflection.

As far as we were able to gather, everything passed off in the streets very quietly. It may be of interest to mention that the Diet did not accept the names by which the whole and the parts will be known. Consequently on the general utter collapse in the American and English money markets, India and bank stock rates, paper and American railroads tumbled together. The latter have now reached the lowest point since the panic of 1853. Silver has dropped a penny after a steady decline all through the week. The immediate prospects of the metal are bad, and exchange is likely to lower round the one and sixpence till the close of the year.

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Alahabad, Nov. 17th.—The London Correspondent of the *Pioneer* writes that the Directors of the Bank of England, who displayed great energy and resource in arranging the relief of four millions of gold from the Bank of England have raised the Bank rate to six per cent. to protect their reserve. Consequently on the general utter collapse in the American and English money markets, India and bank stock rates, paper and American railroads tumbled together.

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London, Nov. 20th.—Mr. Thomas Harington has left New York for England to aid in the liquidation of the firm of Baring Brothers, and to form a new company from it.

Silver securities are very firm and advancing, and there is a hopeful tone both in the stock and money market.

There is a better feeling to-day in the stock and money market.

London, November 21st.—The Baring Guarantees Fund has now reached the sum of fifteen million. A material recovery has taken place in American and South American securities. No banking failures are expected.

London, November 24th.—The *Times* in its City article to-day says that it is probable that a Royal Commissioner will be appointed to enquire into the Bank of England Act of 1892. Certain changes are also projected by Mr. Goschen in the law affecting the issue of notes, and it is understood that he may rearrange the basis upon which the business of the Bank is conducted.

Jamaica, Nov. 23rd.—The *Civil and Military Gazette* has private information confirming the atrocious charges against Mr. Jameson in Africa. It says that the sketch of a girl being cut up exists in Mr. Jameson's library, where Mr. Jameson also states that he sat down and sketched the operation. Mr. Stanley had threatened to make these revelations if Mr. Jameson's relatives insisted upon publishing the remarks in his diary unaccompanied by a retraction.

London, November 23rd.—The *Times* states that Dr. Koch is personally treating twenty-sixty patients and that fifteen of them have already greatly improved, and that five advanced cases have entirely failed to show any signs of improvement under this treatment. Dr. Koch warns these patients suffering from phthisis in an advanced stage that it is useless their coming to Berlin, as the masking of lymph is the slowest of operations, and the supply hitherto has been wholly inadequate.

THE BLUMETAL LEAGUE.

London, November 23rd.—The Blumetal League has intimated that its object is not merely to raise the price of silver and the value of the rupee, but to open the mines of the world to an unlimited coinage of silver and gold at a fixed ratio, in order to prevent heavy fluctuations of exchange.

Mr. BOOTH'S SCHREVE.

London, November 24th.—Lord Derby has forwarded a thousand pounds to General Booth towards his scheme for rescuing the lower social strata.

SUICIDE OF AN ARTILLERY OFFICER.

Lieutenant Roussel, Royal Artillery, committed suicide at Shoreham yesterday.

AN IRISH PROTESTANT DISSENT.

A process in memory of the 'Manchester Martyrs,' which had been proclaimed, took place notwithstanding at Embsay on Saturday, and was dispersed by the Police, who charged the mob and injured several.

Exchange.

Hongkong, December 9.

On London—</

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S.S. MELBOURNE, Commanded by PAUL,
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above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
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Shipping Orders will be granted till
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Cargo will be received on board until 4
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Cargo will be landed on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be
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London will be conveyed via Bombay and
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THE Steamship OCEANIC will be
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Final Dividend on claim a-
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By Wages, &c., for twelve
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Repairs, alterations &c. 626.91

Gas 1,448.42

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